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Milk diversion program available to dairymen

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Dairymen are confronted with the question of whether to participate in the milk diversion program. It's pretty obvious to me that you'll need to spend some time working through some figures before deciding. Don't decide off the "top of your head" which way to do. Develop a position based on facts so that you have a good rationale for your decision.

The word at the close of last week was for a high sign up nationally. It would appear that if you are marketing surpus milk, at least this should be diverted. I'm afraid that we have some dairymen that should be in the program but may not understand it well enough to participate.

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The federal excise tax on truck tires increased significantly on January 1, 1984. Following are representative tire sizes and their estimated F.E.T.:

1000-20 Highway tread: Old F.E.T. $9.90; New F.E.T. $15.76.

100R20 Radial: Old F.E.T. $12.15; New F.E.T. $27.81

1000-20 Lug-grip: Old F.E.T. $10.92; New F.E.T. $21.50

1200-20 Heavy Duty: Old F.E.T. $16.69; New F.E.T. $51.09.

Under the new law, tires that weigh less than 40 pound will not be assessed any F.E.T., while heavier tires will be taxed on an increasing scale.

While we are on the subject of trucks, the revised truck weight laws are available in a booklet at no cost by writing: Virginia Department of Highways, Traffic and Safety Division, 1221 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, Attention: L.G. Barnum.

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Better check gutters and downspouts to avoid rusting and overflow. Leaves, needles and twigs will restric water flow. This clogging can be a cause of excessive crawl space moisture. Gutter systems need to be maintained.

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If you are considering drip or trickle irrigation this spring, be careful in the selection of a water source. The most troublesome contaminants are iron, algae, calcium carbonate and suspended materials such as sand, clay and silt. Preference for water source are: Municipally treated water, well water, ponds and streams.

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Flue tobacco averaged $170.55 in 1983, compared with $180.74 in 1982 on an 18 percent smaller crop.

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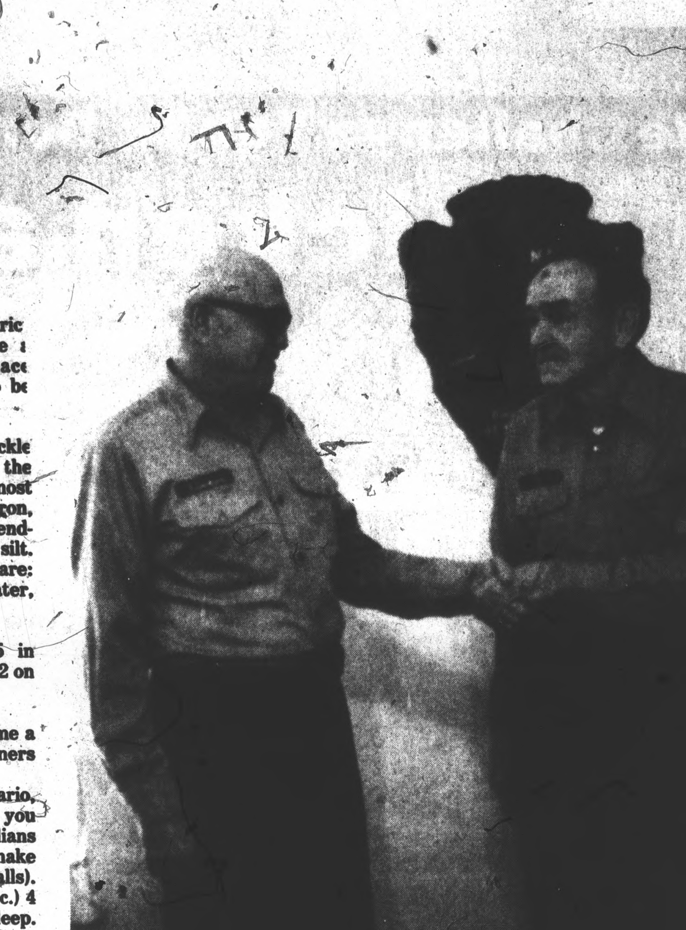
Voles in recent years have become a problem for a number of home owners in Appomattox County.

A control method out of Ontario, Canada is worth considering if you have a vole problem. The Canadians are using pitfalls. "Sunken cans make effective, safe, mousetraps (pitfalls). Use empty cans (fruit, juice, oil, etc.) 4 inches in diameter and 7 inches deep. Punch several holes in the sides from the middle to the top, and cut out the top. Set the cans in the soil to ground level and fill them with water to the lowest holes.

Place the pitfalls (cans) aorund the area to be protected --near the base of trees, under mouse shelters or in mouse runways. Occasionally empty the cans and refill with water. If there is natural cover for the mice, place a board about one inch or so above each can."

Fruit trees can have added protection by reducing the mulch and grass from around the trunk. Use tree guards and gravel around the trunk.



CHIEF OF Maintenance, Raymond Godsey, is shown congratulating Gordon Doss on his retirement.

Gordon Doss retires

After nearly 29 years of seasonal and full time work, Mr. Gordon Doss retired from the National Park Service at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park on Dec. 24, 1983.

Mr. Doss, a life-long resident of Appomattox, joined the Army Air Corps shortly after his graduation from high school in 1940. He served until October of 1945. During this time he saw action in Northern France, the Rhineland and Normandy and was awarded three Bronze Stars among other decorations.

He began his career with the National Park Service in June, 1955 as a temporary laborer. He continued to work 6 to 9 months per year until September, 1970 when he was promoted to a permanent positon as a maintenance worker. He continued in this position until his retirement on Dec. 24, 1983.

During his career, Mr. Doss was included in a letter of commendation from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director issued to the maintenance division for excellence. In 1978, he received a Special Achievement Award for assuming an increased workload due to the sickness and retirement of another maintenance employee.

Mr. Doss was a hard and willing worker and was always willing to tackle any job no matter how hard or dirty. His dedicaiton to his duties will be missed by the park and by fellow employees. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

APS is accredited

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, through its Commisson on Elementary Schools, has awarded continuing accreditation to Appomattox Primary School by action taken during the Association's 88th annual meeting in New Orleans Dec. 11-14, 1983.

Through accreditation, school staff and faculty members will benefit by knowing that conditions for teaching in accredited schools meet certain minimum standards and that efforts are continuously made to improve these conditions. Regional standards require adequate faculties and facilities and their effective use.

Citizens are assured of accountability and of value for their tax dollars through the process of standard setting and the regular reevaluation of SACS member institutions. Communities with accredited schools can be confident that their institutions compare favorably with others in the region. Accredited schools are a "plus" for those who are interested in relocating their families and businesses.

Founded in 1895, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is one of six regional accrediting bodies in the United States. More than 11,000 member public and private universities, colleges, junior colleges, occupational institutions, secondary schools, middle schools, and elementary schools enroll approximately five million students.

Josiah Bunting honored

Hampden-Sydney President Josiah Bunting III has been named the recepient of the 1983 Medallion of Honor of the Society of the Virginians of Maryland.

Since 1940, the Society has presented the Medallion to a Virginian who, in the Society's opinion, has reached a level of achievement worthy of national recognition.

The Society of the Virginians of Maryland was formed with the basic purpose of maintaining the fraternal and social ties of people with roots and interests in the Old Dominion who now reside in the State of Maryland. One of the Society's major goals is to provide financial aid to students desiring to attend a college or university in Virginia.

John Jimison on tour

John Jimison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Jimison, Route 3, Appomattox, Virginia, is on a 16-day tour with the Lynchburg College Concert Choir.

They will give performances in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The choir is under the direction of Dr. Harvey D. Huiner, associate professor of music at Lynchburg College, and performances will combine sacred and secular music by well-known composers of today as well as the past.

Jimison is a junior at the college and is majoring in accounting. He is also a graduate of Appomattox County High School.

Tax seminar scheduled

The Distributive Education Department of Appomattox County High School will sponsor a Personal Income Tax Preparaton Seminar on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

This seminar is designed to help individuals increase their understanding and skills in preparing their taxes. Mr. Monte Mays, Commissioner of Revenue, will be the speaker and there will be opportunities for questions. The discussions will deal with how to complete the current forms and understanding new changes affecting personal income taxes.

The seminar will be held at ACHS in Room 305 from 7 - 9:30 p.m. Advanced registration is preferred so materials can be provided. There will be no charge.

For further informaiton or to register for the class, please contact John McHale, Distributive Education Coordinator, at 352-5317.

Happiness is 4-H

Speaking program set for Appomattox youth

By FRANK H. SWEET
Extension Agent

4-H'ers at AES will be learning about the 4-H Public Speaking Program this week as we begin to make preparations for this important 4-H activity. Last year more than 350 4-H members took part in the Public Speaking Program.

4-H members gain in many ways from a Public Speaking. Members learn poise and self-confidence when speaking before a group, organization when planning and writing a speech and respect for others when hearing others present speeches. Farmers National Bank provides sponsorship for the awards that young people win in Public Speaking. This year County Public Speaking finals will be held on February 23 at Appomattox Elementary School.

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Invitations to the January 23 4-H Awards Banquet are being mailed to 4-H members this week. Recognized during the banquet will be more than sixty 4-H members who have done outstanding work in 4-H during the banquet will be more than sixty 4-H members who have done outstanding work in 4-H during the past year. Also, volunteer leaders will be recognized for their contribution to the overall 4-H program.

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Strawberry orders are due in the Appomattox Extension office by February 3. Four varieties are available through the special 4-H program: Earliglow, Surecrop, Scott, and Delite. The strawberry plants will be available in groups of 25 and will sell for $2.50 for each 25 plants. Details and order forms are available from the Appomattox Extension Office.

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J. E. Sears and Co. will again work with us to provide pre-cut Bluebird Houses for 4-H members. The Bluebird Houses will sell for $1.25 each. Orders for the Bluebird Houses will be accepted through early February. Bluebirds will begin to look for nesting sites by late February.

For the 4-H'er wishing to build his own birdhouse from scratch, we have some excellent plans.

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The 4-H Leaders have planned a trip to VA Tech on Saturday, February 4 to see Tech-Talann Basketball Game. The group will leave Appomattox on Saturday morning and return about supper time. Members of the 4-H Teen Leaders should contact Anne Hancock or Lisa Harrison if they plan to participate.

Hawkins completes training

Navy Seaman Recruit Timothy W. Hawkins, son of Thomas H. and Linda A. Glenn of Route 4, Appomattox, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Navy Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in their studies were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

County Line news notes

The Rev. Winifred Elder brought a good message to the people at Central Church on Sunday, Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Nash, Wendy and Will attened a birthday party for Grethen Bailey of Amherst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash and Missy Layne were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Nash and Todd Sunday.

Missy Layne spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Nash and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Johnson, of Lynchburg, on Christmas eve.

Mrs. Twyman Nash and Todd visited Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Sharp Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. W. Brandner of Rustburg spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Lankford Torrence.

Mr. Walter Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Lankford Torrence visited Mrs. Mattie Pillow of Phenix Sunday.

Heather Rae, Janice and Blenda Franklin spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lankford Torrence.

Hope everyone has a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Let's keep remembering the sick ones in our prayers: Mrs. Linda Booth, Mrs. Cheatham, Mrs. Daye Mann, Mrs. Virginia Banton, Mrs. Linda Cyrus.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Primm and Cris, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lewis, and daughter and Dawn Derr were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen Garrett and Johnny on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Linda Cyrus fractured her hand and was taken to the emergency room for treatment on Saturday. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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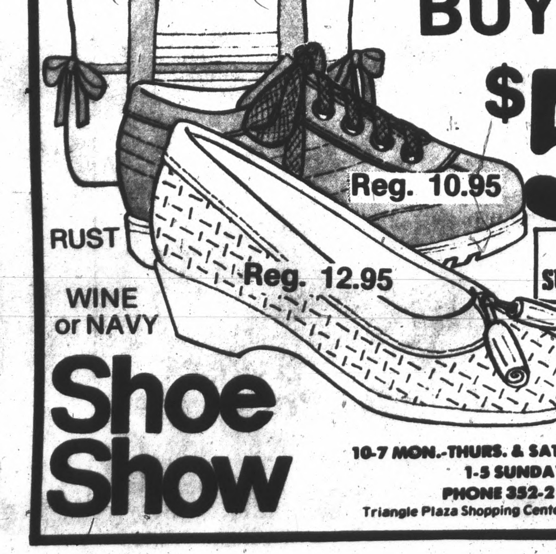

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Hollywood news

By MARY BAGBY

But glory, honor, and peace, to every man that worketh good to you first, and also to the Gentile. For there is no respect of persons with God. Romans 2: 10-11

We are glad to know Mrs. Frank Schampel is home from the hospital and is improving nicely. May she have a very speedy recovery.

We are glad to hear Mrs. Scott Sheets get a good report from her doctor when she went back to him last week for a check-up.

Mr. Lewis Harris is back at home after a few days recently in the hospital. We hope and pray he may soon be feeling well.

Mrs. Madeline Inge was a luncheon guest Monday of her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Sam Inge.

April Watson spent Friday night and Saturday wih her grandmother, Mrs. Katherine Wingfield, and Aunt Julia. Mrs. Wingfield and Julia were supper guests on Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Watkins and family of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Woodall of Lynchburg were supper guests on Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa.

Mr. Harry Jenkins was a luncheon guest on Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb.

Mr. Myrt Mann visited Mr. Walker and Mr. Richard Webb and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Craft and Kristi celebrated Keith Webb's birthday Sunday afternoon. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb, Mrs. Marshall Goin, Lorena and Beverly Gaines and Ricky Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Goin visited Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb Sunday night.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman were Mr. Alfred Almond and Mr. Calvin Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Watson Sr. called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith were visitors in this home Sunday.

Mrs. Lave Torrence's children and grandchildren were with her on Sunday afternoon to celebrate her 89 birthday. Rev and Mrs. Bob Williams and Mr. Steve Schnren were also present. Congratulations to Mrs. Torrence. We wish for her many more birthdays.

Mrs. Vernon Torrence visited Mrs. Edna Covington Monday night at the Spout Spring Nursing Home.

Mrs. James Conner, Mrs. Mable Ferguson and Mrs. Bill Conner were visitors Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam. They also visited Mrs. Etta Lewis and Mrs. Mildred Alvis at the Holly Manor Nursing Hme

Calling in the home of Mrs. Mary Bagby durfng the week and on Sunday were Mrs. Kenneth Deaner, Mr. Myrt Mann, Mr. Andy Davis, and daughter, Robin, Mr. Grover Beasley, Mrs. Alfred Almond, Katherine and Julia Wingfield, and Ruby and Lisa Woodall.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa wer visitors of Mrs. L.L. Webb and Miss Joyce Webb Sunday afternoon.

Mt. Pleasant news

The Ladies Aid Club had lunch at Long John Silver on Dec. 29. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Rev. Napier brought a good message, "Faithfulness" at last Sunday's service.

Deacon Frank Johnson and wife and grandson from Zion Baptist Church were guests at the worship service.

Deacon Robert Thornton and family spent part of their Christmas holiday in Maryland with their family.

A program "Go Where I Send Thee" will be held the fifth Sunday at 3 p.m. We invite you to come out and enjoy this program.

Guest are always welcome at Mt. Pleasant Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. on second and fourth Sunday in each month.

New banking service noted here

A new banking service with special benefits for customers 60 years of age and over that had its start in the Lynchburg area is now being inaugurated throughout the state by Central Fidelity Bank, and is available at the Appomattox Branch.

The new service, which Central Fidelity has pioneered, is called "Focus 60." Membership is limited exclusively to couples and individuals in the 60-and-over age group.

"This is the age at which more and more people today begin to enjoy the most interesting and rewarding time of their lives," said Nancy Brockman, statewide supervisor of the bank's 131 Focus 60 representatives.

"They are in better health, are more active and are more interested in carefully planning use of their time and financial resources than people in the same age group in years gone by."

--A trained group of branch specialists who will assist program participants with financial information and who will help them take advantage of the many benefits of the program.

--Seminars on tax preparation, cash and income management, investments, wills, trusts and estate planning, health and nutrition, and consumer topics.

--Low group rates for luxury vacations, three-day tours and one-day excursions, as well as discounts offered through the club by resorts and retailers. The vacations and tours, along with the seminars, will provide an expanded range of social opportunities for Focus 60 members.

--Free personal checking accounts, free checks and free traveler's cheques.

To prepare for the launching of the program, all of the bank's Focus 60 representatives and a number of officers took part in a unique training seminar. Designed by Central Fidelity's human resource development department, the seminar provided a thorough backgrounding on the Focus 60 program -- as well as an opportunity to better understand the impact of physical and social changes experienced by some older customers.

"Our representatives must be sensitive to the needs and concerns of some of our physically handicapped older customers if we are to provide the kind of personal service they need and deserve," Mrs. Brockman said. "But it should be pointed out that most people, 60 and over, are much healthier than some would think.

"They have also become more sophisticated regarding their investment opportunities and the value of services offered. Focus 60 has proven to be a very popular product with them."

To obtain a Focus 60 membership card, individuals over 60 need only fill out an application form and maintain a qualifying balance in either a checking, regular savings or interest checking account.

Central Fidelity Bank pioneered the Focus 60 program in Lynchburg, where it has been conducted on a pilot basis since 1978. Today Lynchburg has nearly 21,000 Focus 60 Club members. The program was also tested at one key office in Virginia Beach where it experienced great success. In the last 18 months Lynchburg members have taken nearly 60 trips to places ranging from Hawaii and the United Kingdom to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. In addition, last year members were able to participate in 16 seminars and 10 special events.

Telephone changes noted

American Telephone & Telegraph, the nation's largest company and oldest regulated monopoly, was broken up into eight separate companies on Jan. 1 causing more changes in the telephone industry than at any time in the previous 100 years.

But most of those changes won't affect Continental Telephone customers.

Continental Telephone, which provides telephone service to 11,000 customers in the Amherst, Appomattox and New Castle area, is an independent phone company and is therefore not included in the breakup proceedings.

"Continental is not part of AT&T or the Bell System,' said Spence Kiser, superintendent - telephone services. "As far as our service is concerned, we will provide the same service after January 1 that we are providing now."

Kiser says Continental will provide local service, connections for long distance regardless of what company (AT&T, MCI, etc.) carries those calls, and the option of purchasing telephone equipment. The company will also continue to handle the monthly billing for all those services.

Under the terms of the court-ordered breakup, AT&T will legally separate itself from its 22 - Bell Telephone Companies on New Year's Day. Those companies have already regrouped into seven large regional phone companies, each separate from the other. AT&T will keep its long distance business, research and development organizaiton and manufacturing subsidiary (Western Electric). AT&T has founded a new subsidiary, AT&T Information Services, to sell communications equipment.

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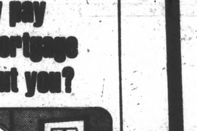

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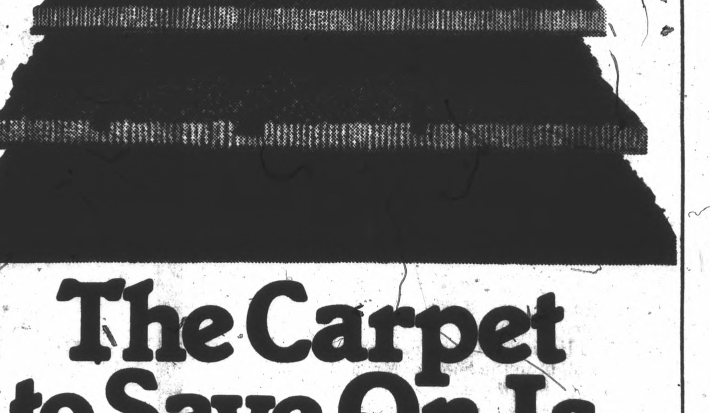

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